

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2005      9:00 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (16/19)

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Drolet, Moore, Dillon. (3/19)

Representative Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2005, supported by Representative LaJoy. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Kathy Walgren, representing the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm and The Heat and Warmth (THAW) Fund, spoke to the Committee regarding the current high cost of natural gas and the economic impact on Michigan residents and urged the Committee to assist in addressing the needs of low income energy users.

Commissioner Robert Nelson, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), provided a Power Point presentation which included a review of the Final Order in Case No. U-13808 (the Detroit Edison Rate Case), the Rate Case Process, and the Customer Choice and Electric Reliability Act of 2000 (PA 141). Questions from members and discussion followed.

Chair Nofs announced the creation of two subcommittees of the House Standing Committee on Energy and Technology:

Subcommittee on Energy, Rep. Palsrok, Chair

Subcommittee members: Reps. Proos, Emmons, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Hopgood and Mayes

Subcommittee on Technology and Telecommunications, Rep. Garfield, Chair

Subcommittee members: Reps. Proos, Huizenga, LaJoy, Moore, Accavitti, Hunter and Dillon

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Representative Garfield made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Schuitmaker. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Alecia Ward, representing the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, spoke to the Committee regarding the Michigan Uniform Energy Code.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:20 a.m.

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Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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